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1. During October the Canton Municipal Government modified the plan which had been initiated in September for fulfilling its conscription quota. (1) The age limits were extended. (2) The city was divided into twenty-four conscription areas, each responsible for its own specified quota.
2. The original age limits for eligible conscriptees, twenty-one to twenty-three, have now been extended to twenty to forty-five. Difficulties have been encountered in attempts to obtain an exact census of the group from twenty-one to twenty-three. 25X1A6a  
(Note: It was suggested in an earlier Canton report that this would be difficult of achievement.) Within the new eligible age group one source estimates that there are about 250,000 men in Canton. Of these only 1,394, or approximately .55%, will be drafted this year according to the Municipal Government. Notice has been sent to all eligible men, on the basis of a census taken by the Municipal Police in early 1946. The notification letter, is translated as follows:

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Date: 5 Apr. 78 By: 027

According to investigations, it is found that Mr. X is within the age limit eligible for conscription. From October 5-15 conscription will be held. It is hoped that you will come to our area station to be questioned.

Wei Fu Area Station (Chop)

3. On 13 October 1946 the Chien Kuo Jih Pao, Cantonese daily, published the following list of the city's twenty-four conscription areas and their conscription quotas, designated in proportion to the area's population:

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<u>Areas</u>		<u>Conscription Quotas</u>
Han Min	(漢民)	95
Hung Te	(洪德)	58
Ch'en T'ang	(陳塘)	97
Feng Yuan	(逢源)	76
Shamien (Shameen)	(沙面)	7
Hai Tung	(海幢)	42
Ta Tung	(大東)	43
Ch'ien Chien	(前鑑)	28
Nan An	(南岸)	36
T'ai P'ing	(太平)	98
Chu Chiang	(珠江)	24
Tung Shan	(東山)	23
Hui Fu	(惠福)	97
Sha Ho	(沙河)	34
Ching Hai	(靖海)	116
Meng Sheng	(蒙聖)	57
Hsi Shan	(西山)	40
Huang Sha	(黃沙)	48
Ch'ang Shou	(長壽)	95
Hsi Ch'an	(西禪)	95
Tung T'i	(東堤)	59
Hsiao Pei	(小北)	59
Te Hsüan	(德宣)	47
Fang Ts'un	(芳村)	20

Total..... 1,394

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4. Conscription areas appear to vary their methods of operation. In some a shop basis of organization is reminiscent of the wartime system. Each shop having five eligible men will have to provide one for training; those having seven men will have to provide two.

5. Another system used is the drawing of lots. An example of this method and its abuse was witnessed [REDACTED] 25X1X6  
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Three hundred eligible men living in Nan An (Hsi Tsun) were called to the Conscription Area Station for a meeting. Four of these were to be conscripted, supposedly by the drawing of lots. The station head announced however that anyone who so wished could be exempted by paying CNC \$3,000. This small sum totalling CNC \$900,000, was promptly and willingly paid by all present. Of this, CNC \$200,000 was used to "buy" four refugees who readily accepted CNC\$50,000 each to represent the area as draftees. The remaining CNC\$700,000 was pocketed by the station head.

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